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Attorney Docket No. 4296-123 US

Dear Examiner Ridley:

Thank you for our conversation of June 18, 2004. You indicated that you would provide us with a new Office Action for to the above-referenced patent application. Accordingly, as we have not yet received an Office Action and the six month deadline (July 29, 2004) for responding to the outstanding Office Action is fast approaching. We anxiously await receipt of the new Office Action. Please advise as to the status so that we can plan accordingly.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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